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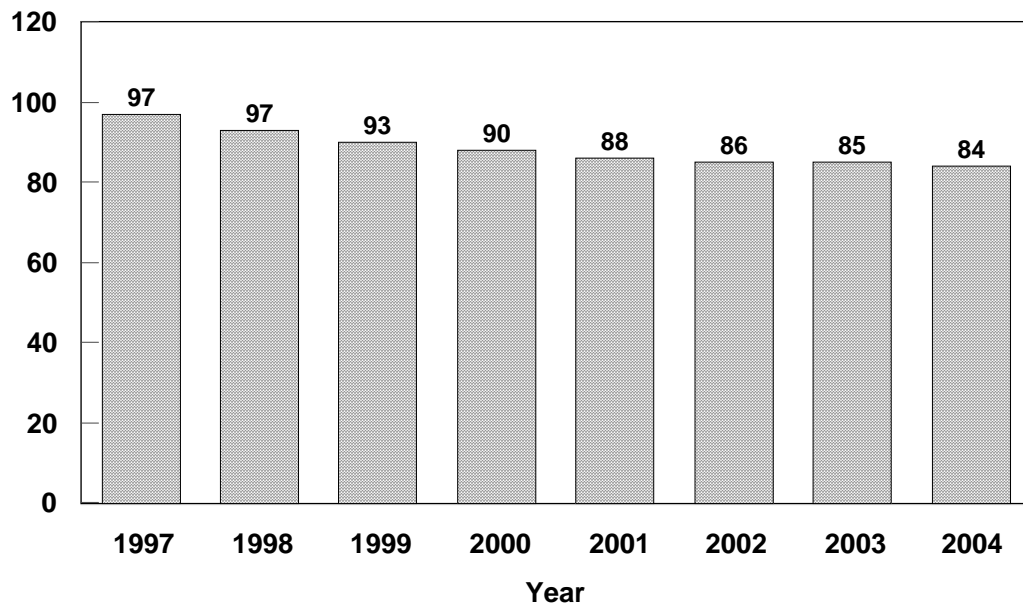
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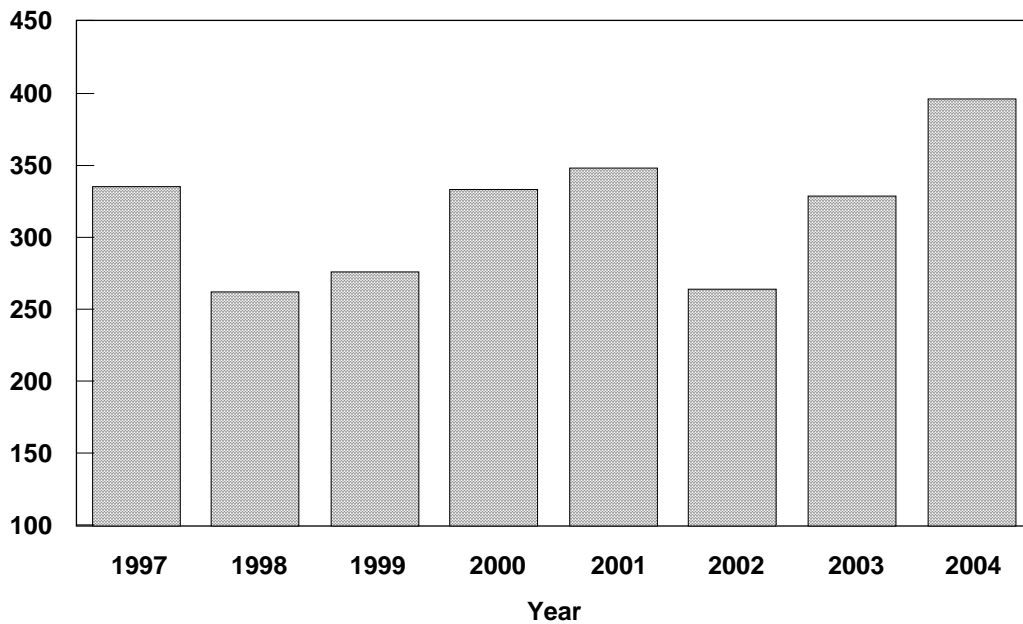
MILK COWS Number on Farms Georgia, 1997-2004

Thousand Head



CATTLE AND CALVES Cash Receipts Georgia, 1997-2004

Million Dollars





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HIGHLIGHTS -- 2004

Cattle and hog inventory levels declined from the previous year, while prices regained some of the losses from 2003. All cattle and calves on January 1, 2005, totaled 1,210,000 head, down 40,000 from January 1, 2004. Prices for cattle weighing more than 500 pounds averaged \$66.10 per hundredweight (cwt). in 2004, compared with \$53.60 per cwt. in 2003. Calves less than 500 pounds, averaged \$118.00 per cwt. in 2004, \$22.20 cwt. more than in 2003. Hogs on December 1, 2004 totaled 275,000 head, 20,000 less than on December 1, 2003. Prices averaged \$50.30 per cwt. for the 2004 marketing year, compared with \$36.40 per cwt. for 2003.

Milk prices in 2004 averaged \$16.80 per cwt., up from \$13.40 per cwt. in 2003. Georgia ranked 25th in the nation in pounds of milk produced in 2004.

Cash receipts from marketing of dairy and livestock products totaled \$716 million during 2004, up 21 percent from 2003.

CATTLE

Georgia's cattle herd totaled 1.21 million head on January 1, 2005, down 3 percent from the previous year. Georgia's inventory ranked 28th in the nation. The United States' cattle inventory on January 1, 2005 amounted to 95.8 million head, up 1 percent from January 1, 2004.

Beef cows numbered 596,000 in Georgia on January 1, 2005, down 3 percent from 2004. Heifers for beef cow replacement totaled 82,000 head, 4 percent less than the 85,000 the previous year. Milk cows, including those dry and being milked, remained at 84,000 head on January 1, 2005, unchanged from a year earlier. Milk cow replacement heifers were also down from last year, to 24,000 head, 8 percent less than January 1, 2004. The 2004 calf crop totaled 560,000 head, 3 percent less than the 2003 calf crop. There were 22,000 operations with cattle in Georgia in 2004, unchanged from 2003.

The value of all cattle and calves on Georgia farms on January 1, 2005 amounted to \$932 million, 15 percent more than a year earlier. Value per head averaged \$770, compared with \$650 on January 1 a year earlier. Cash receipts from the sale of cattle and calves in 2004 jumped to nearly \$396 million, a hike of 20 percent from 2003. Marketings dropped 5 percent to 591,000 head compared with 623,000 head marketed in 2003.

Franklin County, with 31,500 head, is the leading county in the number of cattle and calves on January 1, 2005. Jackson County fell to second place with 26,500 head. Colquitt, Carroll, and Mitchell round out the top five counties in Georgia in total cattle and calves.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Georgia totaled 1.42 billion pounds in 2004, 2 percent less than the 2003 production. The annual average number of milk cows equaled 84,000 head, 1000 less than in 2003. Production per cow averaged 16,857 pounds for 2004, a decline of 131 pounds from the previous year. Six hundred and thirty operations in Georgia had milk cows in 2004, 10 operations less than in 2003. Cash receipts from marketings of Georgia produced milk totaled \$236 million, up \$44 thousand from 2003. Prices received in 2004 averaged \$16.80 per cwt., compared with \$13.40 per cwt. in 2003.

Macon County continues as the leading county in number of milk cows with 11,900 head on January 1, 2005, followed by Putnam County with 6,300 head and Morgan County with 6,100.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Red meat production in commercial plants in Georgia during 2004 totaled 159 million pounds, down 36 percent from the 248 million pounds produced in 2003. Red meat includes beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton slaughtered. Calves, hogs, and sheep totals are not published to avoid disclosing individual operations. Per capita consumption of red meat in the U.S. in 2004 slumped to 119 pounds, up 1 percent from the 118 pounds consumed in 2003.

HOGS

Hogs and pigs in Georgia on December 1, 2004 numbered 275,000 head, 7 percent less than a year earlier. Breeding inventory, at 42,000 head, dropped 12 percent from December 1, 2003, while market hogs dipped to 233,000 head, 6 percent less than the previous year. The annual pig crop for 2004 totaled 796,000 head, 94 percent of the 846,000 born during 2003. Sows farrowing during 2004, at 91,000 head, were also down 5 percent from the previous year's farrowings of 96,000. The annual pigs per litter rate averaged 8.75 for 2004, compared with 8.81 pigs saved per litter for 2003. The number of operations with hogs in 2004 totaled 1,000, 100 less than 2003. Georgia ranked 23rd among all States in the number of hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004.

The value of hogs and pigs in Georgia on December 1, 2004, totaled \$25 million, 41 percent more than a year earlier. The average value per head was \$93.00 up \$32.00 from the previous year. Marketings of hogs and pigs in 2004 reached 893,000 head, 6 percent less than the 949,000 head marketed in 2003. Cash receipts amounted to \$84.8 million in 2004, compared with \$68.8 million for 2003. Prices averaged \$50.30 per cwt., up \$13.90 from 2003.

CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory and Value, January 1, Georgia, 1997-2005

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
All Cattle and Calves	1,000 Head	1,390	1,300	1,300	1,310	1,270	1,240	1,290	1,250	1,210
Value										
Average per Head	Dollars	410	500	520	590	630	640	600	650	770
Total	1,000 \$	569,900	650,000	676,000	772,900	800,100	793,600	774,000	812,500	931,700

CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory, January 1, Georgia, 1997-2005

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cows and Heifers that have Calved										
Beef Cows	1,000 Head	672	624	620	620	614	594	625	616	596
Milk Cows	1,000 Head	98	96	90	90	86	86	85	84	84
All Cows	1,000 Head	770	720	710	710	700	680	710	700	680
Heifers 500 pounds and over										
Beef Cow Replacements	1,000 Head	102	94	85	85	78	87	90	85	82
Milk Cow Replacements	1,000 Head	34	32	29	35	31	29	29	26	24
Other Heifers	1,000 Head	38	33	35	35	31	30	36	30	35
Total Heifers	1,000 Head	174	159	149	155	140	146	155	141	141

CATTLE AND CALVES—Inventory, January 1, Georgia, 1997-2005

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Steers										
500 Pounds & Over	1,000 Head	42	40	50	50	46	40	50	40	49
Bulls										
500 Pounds & Over	1,000 Head	43	41	41	40	39	39	40	39	35
Steer, Heifer, & Bull Calves										
Under 500 Pounds	1,000 Head	361	340	350	355	345	335	335	330	305
Cattle & Calves on Feed	1,000 Head	5	5	2	3	3	3	3	1/	1/

1/ Included in Other States beginning in 2004.

CATTLE AND CALVES—Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Operations Having:									
1-49 Head	Number	17,200	16,300	16,000	16,000	15,000	14,800	14,500	14,300
50-99 Head	Number	3,700	3,700	3,810	3,810	3,890	4,200	4,300	4,200
100-499 Head	Number	2,800	2,700	2,900	2,900	2,800	2,700	2,900	3,200
500-999 Head	Number	250	240	240	240	250	250	240	240
1,000+ Head	Number	50	60	50	50	60	50	60	60
Inventory on Operation Having:									
1-49 Head	Percent	24.0	23.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	20.0	17.0	15.5
50-99 Head	Percent	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	21.0	21.0	21.5	21.0
100-499 Head	Percent	39.0	38.0	40.0	41.0	40.0	40.0	42.0	45.0
500-999 Head	Percent	11.0	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	12.0	12.0	11.0
1,000+ Head	Percent	6.0	8.0	6.5	6.5	7.5	7.0	7.5	7.5

CATTLE AND CALVES--Production and Income, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Production ^{1/}	1,000 Lbs	438,265	433,297	443,164	426,592	442,152	465,041	448,139	462,321
Marketings ^{2/}	1,000 Lbs	626,920	513,000	504,020	523,740	539,290	455,090	519,990	510,790
Price per 100 Lbs									
Cattle	Dollars	44.50	43.30	45.30	52.20	54.20	49.20	53.60	66.10
Calves	Dollars	78.40	73.00	81.70	98.20	95.70	87.00	95.80	118.00
Cash Receipts ^{3/}	1,000 \$	335,213	261,725	276,049	333,477	347,677	264,214	328,798	395,833
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 \$	3,233	3,699	3,547	4,260	4,398	3,139	3,626	4,387
Gross Income	1,000 \$	338,446	265,424	279,596	337,737	352,075	267,353	332,424	400,220

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. 2/ Excludes interfarm sales. 3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter.

CALF CROP AND CATTLE DISPOSITION--Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Calves Born	1,000 Head	580	590	590	580	580	600	580	560
Cows that have Calved	1,000 Head	770	720	710	710	700	680	710	700
Inshipments	1,000 Head	186	125	114	110	125	67	65	47
Marketings ^{1/}									
Cattle	1,000 Head	411	340	333	354	359	305	345	337
Calves	1,000 Head	380	307	301	314	317	250	278	254
Farm Slaughter									
Cattle & Calves	1,000 Head	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Deaths									
Cattle	1,000 Head	23	26	23	23	23	24	25	23
Calves	1,000 Head	39	39	34	36	33	35	34	30

1/ Excludes interfarm sales.

COW AND HEIFERS--Kept for Milk, Inventory and Value, Georgia, January 1, 1997-2005

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cows and Heifers										
that have calved	1,000 Head	98	96	90	90	86	86	85	84	84
Value per Head ^{1/}	Dollars	1,150	1,150	1,340	1,370	1,570	1,650	1,410	1,640	
Heifers, 500 lbs and Over	1,000 Head	34	32	29	35	31	29	29	26	24

1/ Calendar year average.

MILK COWS--Number of Operations and Percent of Inventory by Size Groups, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Operations Having:									
1-29 Head	Number	520	500	400	370	320	290	290	290
30-49 Head	Number	20	20	20	20	20	15	15	20
50-99 Head	Number	120	100	110	110	90	85	75	80
100-199 Head	Number	200	190	190	180	170	160	150	130
200+ Head	Number	140	140	130	130	120	110	110	110
Inventory on Operation Having:									
1-29 Head	Percent	2.1	3.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.1
30-49 Head	Percent	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9
50-99 Head	Percent	10.0	8.0	9.5	9.0	8.0	7.5	6.5	7.0
100-199 Head	Percent	29.0	28.0	31.0	29.0	28.0	26.0	25.0	23.0
200+ Head	Percent	58.0	60.0	58.0	60.0	62.0	65.0	67.0	68.0

MILK COWS--Average Inventory, Quarterly, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan-Mar	1,000	97	95	90	89	86	85	85	84
Apr-Jun	1,000	97	95	90	88	86	85	85	84
Jul-Sep	1,000	96	93	90	87	86	85	85	84
Oct-Dec	1,000	96	90	90	86	86	85	84	84
Annual Average	1,000	97	93	90	88	86	85	85	84

MILK PRODUCTION--Pounds per Cow, Quarterly, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan-Mar	Lbs	4,247	4,242	4,444	4,517	4,512	4,647	4,694	4,536
Apr-Jun	Lbs	4,072	4,011	4,356	4,364	4,488	4,718	4,576	4,548
Jul-Sep	Lbs	3,375	3,333	3,478	3,563	3,663	3,882	3,753	3,798
Oct-Dec	Lbs	3,719	3,811	3,822	3,919	4,000	4,047	4,012	3,976
Annual Average	Lbs	15,340	15,452	16,100	16,284	16,663	17,294	16,988	16,857

MILK PRODUCTION--Total Pounds Produced, Quarterly, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Jan-Mar	Mil Lbs	412	403	400	402	388	395	399	381
Apr-Jun	Mil Lbs	395	381	392	384	386	401	389	382
Jul-Sep	Mil Lbs	324	310	313	310	315	330	319	319
Oct-Dec	Mil Lbs	357	343	344	337	344	344	337	334
Annual	Mil Lbs	1,488	1,437	1,449	1,433	1,433	1,470	1,444	1,416

MILK PRODUCTION--Utilization, Milkfat and Value, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Milk Production	Mil Lbs	1,488	1,437	1,449	1,433	1,433	1,470	1,444	1,416
Milk Marketed by Producers ^{1/}	Mil Lbs	1,475	1,425	1,435	1,420	1,420	1,460	1,433	1,402
Price per 100 Pounds	Dollars	14.70	16.60	16.00	12.90	15.90	13.20	13.40	16.80
Used on Farms	Mil Lbs	13	12	14	13	13	10	11	14
Milkfat	Percent	3.58	3.61	3.60	3.64	3.64	3.65	3.62	3.64
Cash Receipts from Marketings	1,000 \$	216,825	236,550	229,600	183,180	225,780	192,720	192,022	235,536

^{1/} Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers.

HOGS AND PIGS--Inventory and Value, December 1, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Total Inventory	1,000 Head	520	480	480	380	315	345	295	275
Breeding	1,000 Head	70	70	60	55	50	50	48	42
Market	1,000 Head	450	410	420	325	265	295	247	233
Value									
Average per Head	Dollars	81.00	43.00	65.00	71.00	68.00	61.00	61.00	92.00
Total	1,000 \$	42,120	20,640	31,200	26,980	21,420	21,045	17,995	25,300

HOGS--Production and Income, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Production ^{1/}	1,000 Lbs	230,861	185,623	226,207	226,396	176,834	161,852	155,543	148,837
Marketings ^{2/}	1,000 Lbs	254,877	195,213	236,863	240,148	188,726	163,081	169,916	159,268
Price per 100 Pounds	Dollars	48.60	32.40	30.20	40.50	42.40	33.20	36.40	50.30
Cash Receipts ^{3/}	1,000 \$	127,292	65,321	74,056	103,676	87,546	58,824	68,834	84,790
Value of Home Consumption	1,000 \$	964	482	443	417	462	345	369	499
Gross Income	1,000 \$	128,256	65,803	74,499	104,093	88,008	59,169	69,203	85,289

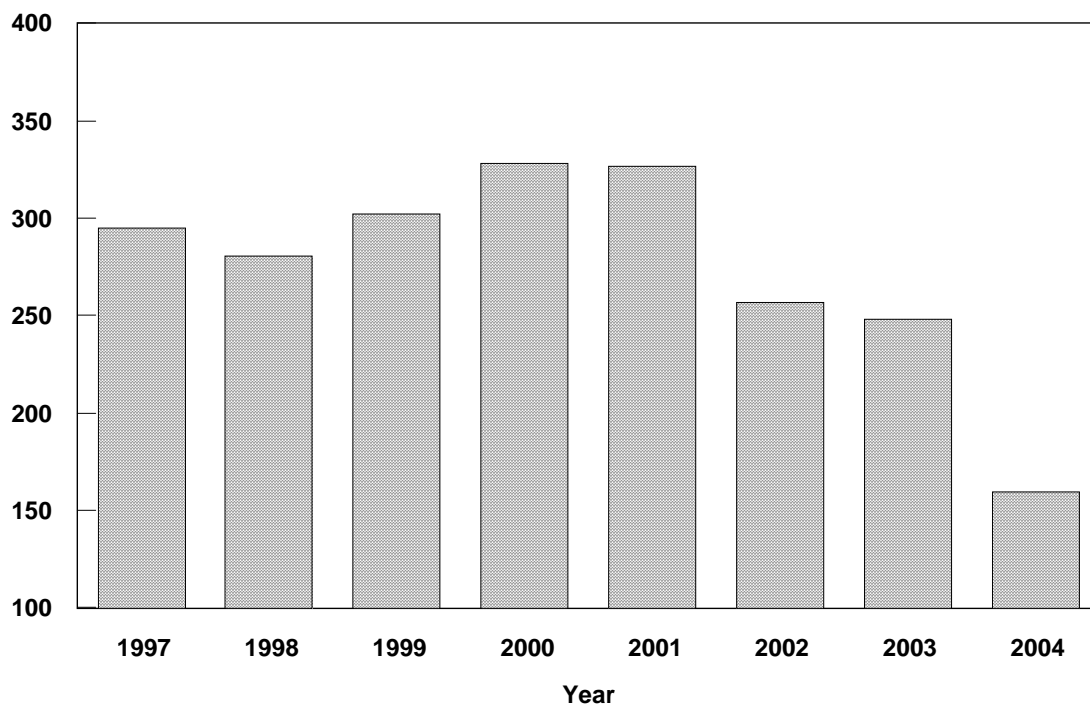
^{1/} Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments. ^{2/} Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State. ^{3/} Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. Includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION--Georgia, 1997-2004

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
--Million Pounds--							
294.9	280.9	302.2	328.0	327.0	256.6	247.9	159.3

RED MEAT PRODUCTION Georgia, 1997-2004

Million Pounds



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER Number, Average and Total Live Weight, by Class, Georgia, 1997-2004^{1/}

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CATTLE									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	*	359.1	404.0	452.0	461.4	362.9	361.0	219.3
Average Live Weight	Pounds	*	1,131	1,131	1,139	1,144	1,228	1,206	1,188
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	*	406,008	456,881	514,753	527,955	445,472	435,420	260,470
CALVES									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	4.2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Average Live Weight	Pounds	139	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	589	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HOGS									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	309.6	296.5	249.7	212.6	182.2	155.2	*	150.6
Average Live Weight	Pounds	265	273	291	316	298	251	*	241
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	82,098	81,002	72,659	67,071	54,212	38,899	*	36,285
SHEEP									
Number Slaughtered	1,000	2.4	3.4	4.5	5.1	4.6	7.1	*	5.4
Average Live Weight	Pounds	101	102	101	82	104	103	*	103
Total Live Weight	1,000 Lbs	245	345	456	414	481	738	*	552

^{1/} Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms. * Indicates estimates not shown to avoid disclosing individual operations.

BEES--Colonies of Bees, Production, Price and Value, Georgia, 1997-2004

	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Colonies of Bees	1,000 Colonies	75	75	65	55	55	50	52	63
Yield per Colony	Pounds	46	56	51	57	57	52	65	49
Honey Production	1,000 Pounds	3,450	4,200	3,315	3,135	3,135	2,600	3,380	3,087
Average Price per Pound	Dollars	0.790	0.690	0.640	0.630	0.700	1.130	1.280	1.180
Value of Honey Production	1,000 Dollars	2,726	2,898	2,122	1,975	2,195	2,938	4,326	3,643

**BEES - Colonies, Honey Production,
Value of Honey Production
Georgia, 1997-2004**

